

Estimate Your 2006 Bonner County Property Taxes

Taxable values of many residential properties in Bonner County were changed by the Idaho State Tax Commission in August 2006. Idaho law required this action after the Tax Commission found that the values set by the county were below current market value. While appeals are not permitted when the state takes such action, the higher values don't necessarily mean your property taxes will increase.

To help you calculate an estimate of your 2006 property taxes, the Tax Commission has prepared a sample Assessment Notice and a table listing estimated tax levy rates for various tax code areas within Bonner County. These rates are subject to correction, but we believe they'll be very close to the rates used to determine your actual taxes this year. (Note: Bonner County may include certain fees, such as those for solid waste disposal, on your tax bill. These fees are not reflected in the rates or the table and will be in addition to the estimated taxes that you can calculate.)

To estimate your 2006 Bonner County property taxes, follow these steps:

- 1) **Find the tax code area** on your assessment notice. On the [sample assessment notice](#), the tax code area is highlighted in green and identified with a single asterisk. (*)
- 2) **Find your current year's net taxable value** on your assessment notice. On the [sample assessment notice](#), the current year's value is highlighted in blue and identified with three asterisks. (***)
- 3) **Go to the [tables listing tax code areas](#)** and find your tax code area number. The 2006 total levies for the tax code areas are highlighted in yellow. Multiply the 2006 total levy rate by the current year's value. (For example, using the sample assessment notice and the table of levy rates, multiply the appropriate number highlighted in yellow by the value highlighted in blue.) This estimate will be very close to your 2006 property tax bill.

If you want to compare your 2006 property tax bill with your 2005 bill, but don't know what that bill was, follow the steps above using the 2005 data. For example, using the sample assessment notice and the table of levy rates, multiply the appropriate number highlighted in magenta on the tax code area table by the 2005 value highlighted in red and identified with two asterisks (**) on the sample assessment notice.

There are more than 100 tax code areas in Bonner County. The tax code area table doesn't list them all. But you can calculate a close estimate of your 2006 property taxes by selecting a tax code area similar to yours. For example, if you live in Sandpoint, find a tax code area that includes Sandpoint and use it to calculate your taxes.

For information on tax code areas not shown, or if you have other questions, please call the Tax Commission at (208) 334-7733.